benefit of my children and myself, may be of some use to
students of High Schools and Colleges and to others struggling
like me in the stormy voyage of life, tossed about by the
merciless waves of worldliness; may open their eyes to the
essence of Higher Hinduism and to the noxious character
of many of the observances which hide the precious truth
within ; may lead and stimulate them to take to the study
and understanding of larger and more comprehensive works
on the Upanishads by renowned Vedantic scholars of the
East and the West, exhibiting most impressively and con-
vincingly the varied treasures of the primeval wisdom of the
ancient sages of India, to breathe the pure mountain air of
free thought and free enquiry, untrammelled by the age-
long depressing, soul-stifling environments, unhindered by the
accidents of birth, breeding or station and the tyrannies of
heredity, to find a solution each single one for himself of the
deeper problems of religion and philosophy that confront
every feeling heart and perplex every thinking mind in this
mundane existence, to develop an abiding consciousness t)f
the Supreme Being, a welling love for humanity and a solemn
respect for self, to revel in the intensity of

spiritual joys,

•and above all to realise our life as the pilgrim's progress along the everlasting path unto the eternal goal.

6. May the Supreme Being, *Lord Satckidananda,* the inexhaustible Fountain-Source of Truth, Wisdom and Bliss, the profound Inspirer and Illuminator of the Sages of the Upanishads, vouchsafe unto us also in the abundance of His Grace and the fulness of His Mercy, a direct vision of His in-dwelling Glory, a personal communion with His Immanent Spirit, an implicit trust in His all-regulating Providence, a whole-hearted devotion to His all-controlling Purpose, a cheerful obedience to His all-governing Will, a conscious participation in His all-saving Goodness, a rapturous delight in His all-entrancing Beauty!

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